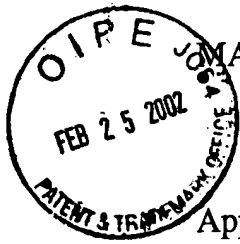


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FOR: DECODING AND CODING METHOD :
OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND
DECODING AND CODING APPARATUS OF
MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL USING THE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-6, and 8-11.

Please replace claims 2 and 7 with the following amended claims:

2. (Amended) The method of decoding an image signal of claim 12,
wherein if the predicted pixel blocks are free from decoding error,
the predicted pixel blocks produced from a latest decoded frame is used in
reconstruction of the present pixel block.